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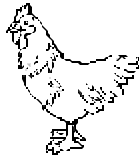
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, but mostly steady. Demand was light to fair, not unusual for midweek, with limited features. Food service was moderate to good, best into fast food. Opinions for first of the month and upcoming holiday weekend is mixed, but mostly optimistic. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair, with needs for the extended holiday weekend being monitored. Breast items were sufficient with tenders in the closest balance, wings and dark meat at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 64.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.25 cents last year on August 29, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00
BREASTS - B/S	158.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	53.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light for retail with few features present. Food service was fair to moderate for food service, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed and opinions varied for first of the month and holiday interest. Supplies of all items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were available. Tenderloins remained closely cleared.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment remains steady. Offerings on whole fryers and Wog's were adequate with limited interest. Retail demand was light to fair with anticipated improvement for upcoming holiday weekend. Features noted in Chicago: boneless skinless breasts at \$1.69, \$1.79 and \$1.99. Food service movement was moderate to good with fast food activity mixed. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were in the desirable range. In the parts structure, trading was generally light. The market tone was steady on all items.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate and confidently held. Most buyers' found additional product often quoted at higher prices. Demand by retailers moderate to good best for parts. Floor stocks generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 08/24/02	2002	2001
EGGS SET	204,619	207,346
CHICKS PLACED	168,297	167,386
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		-01
		+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 24, 2002. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 24, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 24, 2002 were 5.78 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.71 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 28, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	916	138.00-223.00	144-150	148.75
TENDERLOINS	95	120.00-190.00	125-130	145.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	84.00-87.00	84-85	84.38
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-17.00	14-15	14.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,577	16.00-25.50	18-20	18.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	53.00-57.00	54-55	54.21
WINGS (CUT)	447	63.00-77.00	63-64	66.90
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.53
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	906	138.00-223.00	143-149	148.01
TENDERLOINS	156	120.00-190.00	-	134.90
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	84.00-89.00	84-86	84.88
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-17.00	15	14.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,247	16.00-26.00	18-20	18.70
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	53.00-57.00	54-56	54.20
WINGS (CUT)	423	63.00-77.00	63-65	66.62
DRUMSTICKS	70	34.00-47.00	-	35.35
THIGHS	27	34.00-44.00	-	36.89
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
41.25 - 46.75	41.55	42.65 - 46.50	44.21	42.67

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was fair to no better than moderate as dealers assessed the market and cautiously gauged needs approaching the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were available. Tenderloins were closely cleared. Movement through retail channels was improving as buyers prepare for the weekend. Distributive draw was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on tenderloins and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **AUGUST 27, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.05	478,460
TENDERLOINS	120-125	118.55	116,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	88.50	105,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.10	165,440
LEGS	31-32	34.52	97,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.98	477,294
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	25.67	269,090
THIGHS	19-20	29.61	103,230
B/S THIGHS	60-61	57.95	110,790
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	57.95	218,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	21,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	20.20	16,410
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.73	18,490

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.26	486,700
TENDERLOINS	120-125	121.24	177,343
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	85.63	211,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.26	99,160
LEGS	31-32	34.61	132,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.22	434,970
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	31.65	128,270
THIGHS	19-20	32.11	68,820
B/S THIGHS	60-61	56.77	96,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	59.29	192,304
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	34,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	24.21	8,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	47.40	11,800

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG</u> <u>WTS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>WTS</u>	
	08/28	08/27	08/26	08/23	08/26	08/23	08/21	08/19
ALA	4,087	4,153	4,111	4,277	4.98	4.87	3,951	5.05
ARK	5,504	5,503	5,179	5,702	4.94	4.85	5,325	4.98
DELMARVA	2,382	2,335	2,355	2,311	5.10	4.96	2,389	5.17
KY-LA-TN	2,017	2,008	1,974	1,962	4.58	4.34	1,937	4.54
MISS	2,888	2,835	2,851	2,908	5.24	5.15	2,763	5.35
NC	2,694	2,709	2,605	2,659	5.87	5.80	2,560	5.96
TEXAS	2,471	2,442	2,463	3,138	4.80	4.73	2,458	4.86
TOTAL	22,043	21,985	21,538	22,785	5.07	4.95	21,383	5.12
MON-WED	66,033 (A)						64,526 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Aug 02 and is estimated to be 32,979,000 up 2.78 percent from a week ago and up 5.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,087,000; last year 31,230,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Aug-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/31/02 (1)	08/24/02
CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	168,656 (2)	165,897
LT HENS	1,909	1,909
HVY HENS	1,696	1,706
TOTAL	172,261	169,512

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Aug-02 is 157.2 million head compared to 163.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.0 million head or 11.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 07-Sep-02 the estimated available is 157.0 million head.

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2002

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	08/26/02	214,970	71,938
AM	08/01/02	215,685	75,870
CHG		-715	-3932
PCT CHG		0%	-5%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/26/02	08/19/02	08/27/01	08/26/02	08/19/02	08/27/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	30,949	30,619	28,078	5,326	5,344	3,052
LOS						
ANGELES	1,318	1,172	2,008	3,549	3,693	1,762

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LO			HI			AVG		
	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.40	.86	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.50	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.60	.70	.63	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.85	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	2.15	-	BANTAMS ea.	.75	3.75	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.30	.55	.45	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.30	1.00	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	8.00	8.50	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	4.25	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.30	.93	ROOSTERS ea.	1.50	10.50	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	.30	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.20	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.45	.99	DUCKS ea.	2.50	7.50	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.90	2.80	1.25	RABBITS ea.	1.50	3.25	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	4.00	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.75	8.50	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	3.00	3.25	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	3.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	-	1.00	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.00	-	-	-
TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-						
TOTAL COOPS 203									

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 23, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	60.02	129.28	83.11	18.47	18.47
High	69.26	138.52	92.34	23.09	23.09
Mostly	64.64	129.28	83.11	18.47	18.47

SAN JUAN

Low	60.02	120.05	78.49	23.09	13.85	50.79
High	62.33	129.28	83.11	32.32	16.16	50.79
Mostly	60.02	124.66	80.80	23.09	13.85	50.79

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	57.72	129.28	83.11	13.85	18.47	60.02
High	68.33	138.52	92.34	23.09	23.09	60.02
Mostly	64.64	129.28	83.11	18.47	18.47	60.02

BECERRA

Low	59.56	124.66	73.88	23.09	13.85	53.10
High	62.79	129.28	83.11	27.70	17.55	53.10
Mostly	61.87	124.66	78.49	25.39	15.24	53.10

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and sufficient in keeping seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights continued in a range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were at least adequate on all items with tenders in closest position.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	44-60
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.84
NO. OF BOXES	9,658

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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